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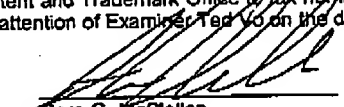
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## RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION DATED OCTOBER 22, 2004

In response to the Final Office Action dated October 22, 2004, having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire on January 22, 2005, please enter this response and reconsider the claims pending in the application for reasons discussed below. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge \$800 to counsel's Deposit Account No. 09-0465 for four excess independent claims, and for any other fees, including extension of time fees, required to make this response timely and acceptable to the Office.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper. Remarks/Arguments begin on page 9 of this paper.

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